



SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

NEUROSURGERY SKULL BASE

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

The Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diplomas final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 multiple-choice questions (single best answer out of four options). 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. If the percentage of candidates passing the examination before final approval is less than 70%, the passing score must be lowered by one mark at a time aiming at achieving 70% passing rate or 65% passing score whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.





Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Section	Percentage
1	Anterior skull-base pathology	12%
2	Sellar skull-base pathology	10%
3	Middle fossa skull-base pathology	10%
4	Posterior fossa pathology	20%
5	Craniocervical junction pathology	10%
6	Sphenoid bone pathology	10%
7	Adjuvant therapy	18%
8	Surgical complications	10%
Total		100%

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism and Patient Safety are incorporated within various domains.





Suggested References:

- Atlas of Skull Base Surgery and Neurotology by Robert K. Jackler
- Rhoton's Cranial Anatomy and Surgical Approaches by Albert L. Rhoton Jr
- Youmans and Winn Neurological Surgery, 8th Edition, by H. Richard Winn

Note:

This list is intended for use as a study aid only. SCFHS does not intend the list to imply endorsement of these specific references, nor are the exam questions necessarily taken solely from these sources.

